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Dear Mr. Phan,

As discussed, I have not and do not intend to abandon application 09/287,478, as you may judge from recent communications entered into the wrapper. Because of difficulty with the issues, confusion about whether the application was previously abandoned, end-of-year taxes, my day job, attempting to find an attorney that will take on a pro-se appeal, and now, in that last process, a new concern to at least briefly review KSR v. Teleflex, the time has slipped by.

Thank you,
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